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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND WILL DECLARE 200-MILE FISHERIES
MANAGEMENT ZONE OCTOBER 1

1. PRIME MINISTER MULDOON ANNOUNCED SEPTEMBER 7 THAT NEW
ZEALAND WOULD DECLARE A 200-MILE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ZONE
OCTOBER 1, 1977, AND THAT LICENSING OF FOREIGN FISHING
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FLEETS WOULD COMMENCE FROM APRIL 1, 1978. PRIMIN SAID THE
GNZ WOULD USE THE SIX MONTHS FROM OCTOBER 1 TO PREVENT
OVER-FISHING BY A FOREIGN TRAWLER BAN ON SNAPPER AND
TARAKIHI AS WELL AS IMPOSING UNSPECIFIED LIMITS ON TOTAL
CATCH OF OTHER SPECIES WITHIN THE ZONE. JUSTIFICATION FOR
THIS ACTION, ACCORDING TO THE PRIME MINISTER, WAS THE
DANGER THAT UNCONTROLLED FISHING DURING COMING SUMMER

SEASON COULD RESULT IN FISH STOCKS AND SPAWNING GROUNDS
BEING "SLAUGHTERED.'

2. IN AN ELABORATION OF PRIMIN'S ANNOUNCEMENT, MINISTER
OF FISHERIES (BOLGER) SEPTEMBER 8 POINTED OUT THAT TO
ALLOW FOREIGN FISHING TO CONTINUE IN THOSE AREAS WHERE
NEW ZEALAND FISHING INDUSTRY IS CURRENTLY TAKING THE
ENTIRE ALLOWABLE CATCH OF SNAPPER AND TARAKIHI WOULD BE TO
SUBJECT THE STOCKS TO A LEVEL OF EXPLOITATION WELL IN
EXCESS OF MAXIMUM SUSTAINABLE YIELDS. AREAS OF CONCERN
ARE COOK STRAIT/CAPE CAMPBELL AREA; TASMAN BAY;
CANTERBURY BIGHT/PEGASUS BAY/KAIKOURA COAST AREA; CAPE
EGMONT; EAST CAPE AND JACKSONS HEAD/CAPE FOULWIND AREA.
IN THESE AREAS FOREIGN TRAWLING OPERATIONS WILL BE
PERMANENTLY PROHIBITED. FURTHER REGULATIONS WILL
TEMPORARILY PROHIBIT, FROM OCTOBER 1 TO JANUARY 1, THE
LING FISHERY IN THE PUYSEGUR POINT AREA AND THE SILVER
WAREHOU FISHERY TO THE EAST OF STEWART ISLAND. THIS IS
TO PROTECT SPAWNING STOCK.

3. BOLGER ADDITIONALLY ANNOUNCED REGULATIONS FROM
OCTOBER 1 MANDATING COMPLIANCE WITH NEW ZEALAND NET MESH
REGULATIONS THROUGHOUT THE 200-MILE ZONE AND THAT
NEW ZEALAND'S TERRITORIAL SEAS WOULD BE EXTENDED FROM THREE
TO TWELVE MILES. SELDEN

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